

**Setting up of a national vocational university**

3383. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up a national vocational university;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no such proposal.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Splitting of UGC**

3384. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to split up the University Grants Commission into four separate, autonomous bodies to have better administration of higher education in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a single entity is unable to handle a large number of universities and colleges coming up in distant parts of the country;

(c) what alternate system can immediately be put in place to make the U.G.C. accessible; and

(d) the steps proposed to create four separate bodies in different areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no such proposal at the moment.

(b) to (d) As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), it has been effectively discharging its functions